

Sadler, Dr. M. E

Vice-Chancellor, University of Leeds,

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December 14th, 1914

My dear Dr. Sadler:

We are just coming through a rather formidable difficulty in connection with the German professors who are on our staff in the University. A section of the press in the city, carried away by their anti-German feelings, demanded that these gentlemen, simply because they were Germans, should be removed from the staff. This I resisted, but the Board of Governors granted them leave of absence on full salary till the end of the academic year. I hope that we may be able to make arrangements whereby we shall not lose them permanently.

A strong argument that carried weight in this very British city has been drawn from the reported practice of the British Universities. We have been told that the Germans on the various staffs, who have not been naturalized, have been compelled to resign. Can you give me any definite information with regard to Leeds and Manchester? I will write to Birmingham and Liverpool myself. Do you know anything as to what has been done at Oxford?

My own view is that unless there is sufficient cause the men should be retained where they are. They are doing good work, and they are willing to become naturalised, and there is no proof that they are in any way misusing their positions for spreading German ideas or ideals. We should surely not do like for like.

I read with great interest your article dealing with the development of German ideals through their educational system. I thought

it was remarkably well put. The feeling here is very strong and I think Canada will continue to respond. We have 1800 students and 50 members of the staff enrolled in the Officers' Training Corps.

Please give Mrs. Sadler my kind regards, and with the season's  
~~greetings~~ greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Dr. M. E. Sadler,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Leeds.



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THE UNIVERSITY,

LEEDS.

Jan 19 1915

My dear President,

I was delighted  
to get your letter this  
morning and hope that  
the storm has passed. It  
is comically unjust that  
you of all people should have  
been attacked at this time  
for such a reason.

The sign that  
gives me the greatest confidence

in the success of our  
cause is the absence (on  
the whole) of wild &  
furious expressions of hatred.  
Indignation, deep & sincere,  
there is, but I hardly  
ever come across anything  
that smacks of hatred. We  
are politicians helping to  
round up some desperados.

There is quiet

confidence on the part  
of those who are most  
in the midst of the situation.

Believe me with our kind  
remembrance

Yours very truly  
Wm C. Sullivan